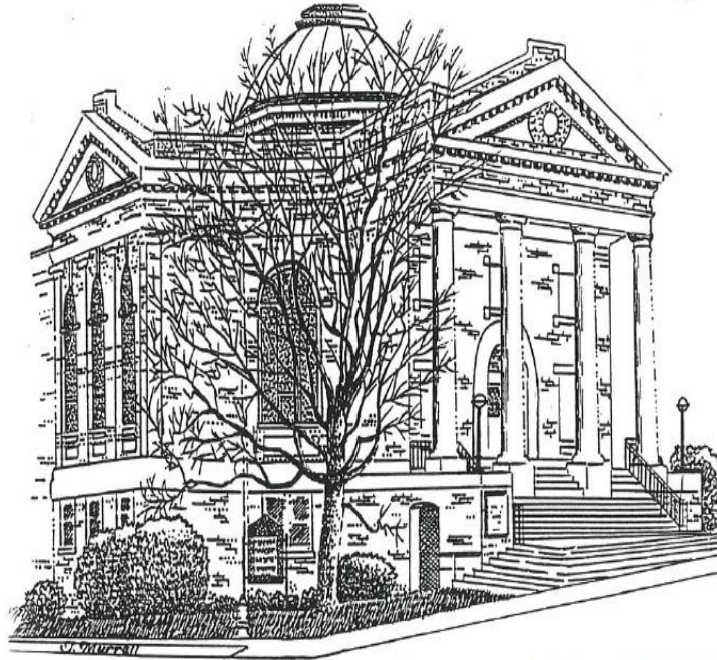


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*SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
October 9, 2022
18TH Sunday After Pentecost*

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on

PRELUDE

"Prelude on "Dix"

June Nixon

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Emily Deese, acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66

Elizabeth Bryson, liturgist

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Sing glory to God and praise the Lord!

Come and see what God has done; how awesome the deeds among mortals.

Bless the Lord, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy. Your love and mercy are not limited to one time or to one people. You continue to heal and save, transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set. For such expansive love, it's our right, duty, and joy to offer you all of our thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 54

“Make a Joyful Noise to God!”

DIX

*Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.
Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just:
Walked the chosen through the seas, brought their enemies to dust.
Let us lift a thankful voice for god's mercies, and rejoice!*

*Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!
By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, we're meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we don't live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves away to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Those coming forward for Faith Sharing are invited to move to the chancel area during the Response.

*RESPONSE

“Glory Be to the Father”

MEINEKE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

ANTHEM

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

Maurice Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in Heaven; There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make God's love too narrow by false limits of our own; And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he would not own. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his Word; And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, though we are bound by many tethers, your Word is not chained. Set us free by this Word let loose in the world. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us worthy of your approval: workers of the gospel, unashamed and unafraid to share the truth made known to us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON
SERMON

[Luke 17:11-19](#)

“Grace and Gratitude”

pew Bible, page 75
Rev. George

*HYMN 797

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

YE BANKS AND BRAES

*We cannot measure how You heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.*

*The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,
The fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,
The private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.*

*So some have come who need Your help and some have come to make amends,
As hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain and make Your broken people whole.*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PC(USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Michelle Cumming, Deacon

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Aria”

William Lloyd Webber

* Response 612

“We Praise You, O God: (stanza 1)

KREMSER

*We praise you, O God, our redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Like the shepherd is Bethlehem's field, like lepers healed who returned to Jesus, like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined. For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem. We ask all of these things in the name of Christ. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 772

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO

*Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope the blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear--a vision of our God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

*Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 746

“Send Me, Jesus”

THUMA MINA

*Thuma mina. Thuma mina, thuma mina, thuma mina, Somandla.
Send me, Lord. Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.
Lead me, Lord. Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.
Fill me, Lord. Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.*

*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Paul Fey

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Bold print indicates places where congregation reads or sings.

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Thank you to Stan Scheer, Frank Poolos, Elizabeth Bryson, Michelle Cumming, and Penny Morton for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Emily Deese.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of FPC members by Kyle Lambert

Ushers for October : Jim Hesley, captain: Myron Lowder, Elizabeth Bryson, Jim Ivey, Lee Snuggs, Leo McLeod.

Outside Ushers for October 2: John Howell, Wes Eudy.

Elder Greeters Ellen Whitley, Ken Knight.

Sound: Evan Sanges **Film:** James Cotton **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

There is no Children's Church during October. Children are encouraged to remain in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Claude Harwood, Wayne Palmer, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Bethany Woods), Ann Byrd (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook); (Home), Carole Yost (Home), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler, Elizabeth Wilson, Polly Moose-recovering from hip surgery, Ann Snuggs, Susan Pandich-breast cancer, Witt Snuggs (Home), Jason Miller (friend of the congregation). See newsletter for complete list.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

The Session has called for a meeting of the Congregation at the close of worship on October 16 for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and electing members to the Pastor Nominating Committee.

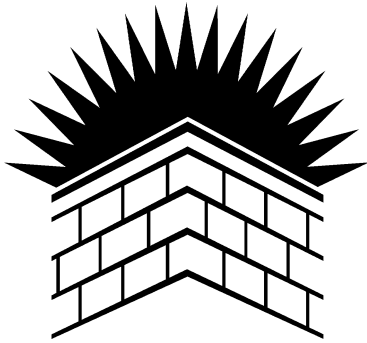
Nominations will be accepted from the floor. As a courtesy, please check with the person you're nominating to make sure she or he will serve if elected.





DRIVE-THRU MEAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

Menu: Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Caesar Salad, and Chocolate Chip Cookies
All we need you to do is: call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com and let her know: how many plates you need -if you would like dessert- and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions)



The Christian Education Corner

Join us for SUNDAY SCHOOL !

- ❖ Children (K-5th graders) meet in the childcare area downstairs (music 9:45-10:05 in choir room)
- ❖ Youth (6th-12th graders) meet upstairs in the Youth Room
- ❖ The Wired Word meets in the Parlor
- ❖ Dr. Jolly's Discussion Class gathers in the Old Session Room
- ❖ Those who Love to Read meet in the Gaither Classroom.
- ❖ Questions & Conversations will meet upstairs in the Conversation Room.

If you are not on the SPOND app please download it. That is the easiest way for all of us to keep in touch. Here is the link to join <https://group.spond.com/LTOXZ>



S'mores Night with Austin Coats

Join us this evening, Sunday, October 9 from 6:30-8pm for S'mores night at Morrow Mountain! Come explore new varieties of S'mores—or the classic—while listening to the musical talent of Austin Coats. Bring a chair and a friend. We'll have the fires ready!

Monday Night Bible Study 9th-12th graders at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr.) Mondays at 8:30 pm.





Coming to the table is an open invitation for us all. Our Kindergarten through second graders and their families are invited to a Communion Workshop on Sunday, October 9. We will share lunch then learn about the very special sacrament centered around the table. Please let Melissa know if you can attend (meudy@fpcalbemarle.org ;704.439.6747)

For Central Elementary School...Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:
 It's that time again! We are collecting food to send home with Central School students on weekends. Our needs for this important Backpack Program for the month of October are- saltine crackers, large cans of soup, fruit cups, canned chicken and chicken helper, canned tuna and tuna helper. Thank you for your generous support.



Packing Date: Wednesday, November 2 at 10:30 a.m



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Boxes will be in the Pit stop October 9 and need to be returned to the sanctuary on November 6.

The cost this year to cover the shipment for a OCC shoebox is \$10. When you pick your shoebox up from the pit stop, check the inside for a "How to Pack a Shoebox" pamphlet.

This pamphlet shows you how to pack a box, has boy and girl labels (to be put on the top of the box) and the envelope for the \$10 check/cash is also included.

SCCM's CARING and SHARING CAMPAIGN



It is time for SCCM's 2022 Caring and Sharing campaign!

Yellow cups are in the Pit Stop. Please return them by Saturday, December 31.

Proceeds from this collection will be used to purchase food and supplies for the Community Tables and Food Pantry and will provide assistance with client needs.

We appreciated your help so we can continue to provide services to people in need in our community in the future.



First Presbyterian Church Lunch Outing to Tiffany's at the Boardroom Thursday, October 13 at 11:00am



Let's get together for lunch – Dutch Treat! We will meet at Tiffany's at 11:30 am. Let us know if you can join us! Jane Snyder 704-438-3358

SERRV Bazaar on Sunday, October 16, 23 and 30

On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop: October 16, 23, 30, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Review the Fall/Christmas catalog and place your order!

Also, catalogs will be available for your review in the church office during regular business hours.





GOD WINKS - Do you see or hear God in this world? Where? When? How?

Why? We will share our God experiences and learn how to see more of God in our world. Please join Gayle Russell and Jane Snyder on Mondays at NOON in the Pit Stop during the month of October. Lunch will be served. Please let Jane Snyder

know you are coming! 704-438-3358 jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org If you would like to Zoom with us, please let Jane know ASAP so she can get the link to you.



Circle will meet at 1:00 pm in the Pit Stop on Wednesday October 12, 2022. We will begin a new study book "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol M Bechtel. In the introduction, she writes "God wants to give you a gift that could change your life-- almost certainly for the better" If living your life makes you feel like you are being

chased by a train, come join us on this journey. The author also says "I hope you will see this not simply as a study, but also an invitation to practice Sabbath in real and practical ways".



HIKING AT MORROW MT WITH KEN & CONNIE

**Please join us for a hike at Morrow Mountain today
Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 pm.**

**Contact Ken Knight to let him know you are coming
704-438-4686 or email KBKNIGHT17@gmail.com.**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 9

18th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:45 am Diaconate
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 6:30 pm-8:00 pm S'mores at Morrow Mt.

Monday, October 10

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 12:00 pm God Wink
- 8:30 pm Bible Study 9th-12th grade –Home of Debby Johnston
1212 Heritage Dr.

Wednesday, October 12

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 1:00 pm Circle Five
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 13

- 11:30 am Lunch Outing-Tiffany's at the Boardroom
- 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, October 16

19th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 pm Session
- 9:00 am SERRV Catalogs Pit Stop
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational meeting
- 6:00 pm- SNL

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
October
12- Ella Cumming

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
October
13- Kate and Trey Gibson

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The offering as part of our worship is a response to God's grace. The plates will be passed by the ushers or you may make your gift by scanning the QR Code here. Thank you for your generosity.

October 9, 2022



Consecration Sunday is November 6th

“Painting the Picture of Stewardship”

On Sunday, October 2, Chris Whitley shared the following message to paint how our pledges, time and talents make a difference in Albemarle and surrounding areas. Chris stated:

“Our church makes an impact on this community and serves others because of your faithful and continuing generosity. Earlier this summer, in a six-week reading program sponsored by Central United Methodist Church, sixteen rising first graders attended “Book Buddies Literacy Camp”. These students from East and Central Elementary Schools were chosen so that newly acquired skills would be strengthened instead of lost over the summer and their reading competency brought to a higher level. Field trips to the zoo, time at the library, and STEM courses facilitated by Pfeiffer University complimented daily reading, phonics, and play sessions.

“The thrilled director highlighted one particular camper scheduled to be held back in Kindergarten and not advance with his friends to the next grade. He achieved remarkable gains at Literacy Camp. His confidence, self-esteem, love of reading, and new foundation for all future success grew exponentially! And, yes, he will now be going to the First Grade with the rest of his classmates.

“A decision was made through our Mission Committee to help sponsor the camp on behalf of our church congregation. This is our church at its best; encouraging others to develop their talents, abilities, and skills to the fullest and grow in their recognition of God’s abundant grace! Because of your giving, our congregation joins the church universal in changing lives!! “Your faithful and generous giving has a direct impact on the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church Albemarle!

While the Stewardship campaign is about giving of our time, talent, and treasures, we sometimes forget that as we give to our Church, we are using those resources to promote hope and human development by directly supporting agencies and missions in our community like Book Buddies Literacy Camp.

So to remind you of the important work our Church provides in our community, every Sunday until October 30, there will be a Church leader “painting the stewardship picture” during the Offertory. We will connect how giving of your time and money make a difference in the lives of those we serve.... children, hungry, homeless, elderly, youth, each other, and the Lord. Please consider our mission and outreach to our community (like the example above) when you dedicate your pledge on November 6.

Finally, you may have seen baskets of marbles around the Church. Please take a marble if you don’t have one or another for someone else and let it serve to remind you of the call to respond to God’s Word and the way that Christ lived. Keep and carry that marble with you....in your pocket or in your purse.... anywhere to remind you that our stewardship call is a response to “such a time as this.”

